



FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2016

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on July 14, 2016, and came to order at 7:05 p.m. Those present were: Dana Escott, Randy Lowder, Nick Novich, Chad Armstrong, Tom Leo, Bill Holden, Bob Lancaster, Caitlin Avey (Madisonian), Rodney Braaten, Pablo Du-Pond, Van Puckett. Dana Escott took minutes.

Minutes: Nick moved to approve the June 14, 2016, minutes with no corrections. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Budget: Cash is \$65,642.

Bills: The list of bills for July, 2016, was presented to the Fair Board. Tom moved to pay July bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Input on Agenda and/or Non Agenda Items: None.

Communications: Several Thank you's from Sr. Pro contestants were read thanking the Board for an organized well ran Sr. Pro Rodeo.

REPORTS:

4-H: Email from Billy Whitehurst was read discussing the hog panels had been ordered and shipped. The sheep barn has been rearranged and all the sheep will fit in the sheep barn. There are 133 market hogs, 39 market lambs, 6 breeding sheep, 35 market beef, 17 beef breeding, and 6 market chickens.

FFA: Rodney asked if the Sheridan FFA could put on a showmanship clinic on August 1, 2016. Further discussion was that the Sheridan FFA would like to host a lawnmower tractor pull in the arena if they can fit it schedule. Tom moved to allow Sheridan FFA to put on the Tractor Pull after the Ranch Rodeo on August 11, 2016 in the arena.

Livestock Committee: Tom advised the Livestock Committee sent out buyer letters for the BBQ; they are purchasing stall mats for the wash station at sheep barn to help with mud. The new swine panels have been ordered and should be arriving soon.

Fair Board Report: None.

Fair Manager Report: Currently the advertising in the fair book has brought in \$8,415; the signs have brought in \$14,139; the fair sponsors \$5925; and we are waiting on some unpaid ads and signs which have been billed. Further discussion was when to set the fair dates for 2017. The Fair Board would like to go through this fair and then set the dates.

Caitlin Avey left at 8:50 pm.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Swine Virus:** There is a swine virus going around. It has not hit our area yet, but the livestock committee is taking precautions and going to have a time slot for hogs to come into the fair and be vet checked before they are unloaded.
2. **Fairgrounds Mill Levy:** The Fair Board met with the commissioners and discussed options for more funding. Nick advised the Board's budget won't carry the activities anymore since the facility and activities have grown and the Board has gotten 1.5 mills since fair started. Another half mill or mill would help with upkeep on buildings, etc. Chad moved to have Dana send a request to the Commissioners to move forward on running a mill levy or increasing our mills by .5 mills. Tom seconded the motion and the motion carried.
3. **Bathrooms:** The cinderblock bathrooms are somewhat working. There is a sewer smell and we have had to unplug them a couple of times. Randy asked Van what was needed for our vendors and if he could send a summary of laws pertaining to food vendors and handwashing stations to Dana so the Board can be prepared when sending contracts to vendors.

Rodney and Pablo left meeting at 8:15. Van left meeting at 8:30.

4. **Sr. Pro Rodeo:** A profit/loss statement was passed around for the Board to look at. Everything went really well and organized and the event was successful.
5. **Bylaws:** No Action
6. **Mowers:** Dana has had trouble with the tractor mowers. There is too much to mow commercially and they cannot handle the hours we are putting on them. Dana received a quote from Front Line Ag regarding trading off the tractors and purchasing another commercial zero turn which would be more efficient and time efficient. Chad will check with Churchill for a quote as well.
7. **Fairgrounds Rental Fees:** The Board discussed the necessity to raise the rental fees on the facility which have not been raised in a very long time. Chad moved to raise the fees as follows to take effective immediately: Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
 - a. Arena: \$300/day; \$200/day for two day event/\$200/day for a series of three or more in the summer; Arena Lights: \$300; Tractor: \$50/day.
 - b. Pavilion: \$200/day June 1-August 31; \$250/day Sept. 1-May 31
 - c. Jeffers: \$100/day June 1-August 31; \$150/day Sept. 1-May 31
 - d. Grounds/Picnic Area: \$250/day
 - e. Camping without power: \$15/day; Camping with power: \$25/day
8. **Building Update:**
 - a. **Planning Grant:** The commissioners have covered the bill for the application for the planning grant.
9. **Fair**
 - a. **Meeting at Fair: No meeting in August.**
 - b. **Miscellaneous:** Marci will be down from Butte Radio Station to do the live remote at fair. Fair preparation is on schedule.

Unfinished Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. Next meeting, September 15, 2016, at 7:00 pm. Minutes typed and prepared by Dana Escott.

 9/15/16
Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson